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Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18 to 25, 2021

To Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

During the week of January 18 to 25, our diocese joins with Christians around the world to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, asking the Holy Spirit to bring us together in ever-greater unity to give witness to the Gospel. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that his followers “may all be one” as He and the Father are one, in order that the world might believe (John 17). Our witness to the world is especially powerful when Christians from many traditions join together in prayer and action.

The theme of the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from John 15: 5-9, “*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.*” This scripture passage calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action focused on responsible service. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, seeking respect for and communion with all.

Let us pray in the words of one of the resources available for this week:


“Merciful Creator, We thank you for your persistent love and your patience with our brokenness. Help us to work for justice, truth, and light - as you have shown us through your prophets. Help us to be reconcilers, as you have reconciled us in Jesus Christ. Help us to work with you in the healing of the world. We pray through Christ, who comes reconciling and making all things new. Amen.”

Let our prayer and reflection this week renew our commitment and efforts in the coming year to be Christians who constantly strive in all things to have the same mind and heart of Jesus Christ, our one Lord and Saviour.”

On this the memorial of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys – may we renew our commitment to educate ourselves and others regarding the goal and work of ecumenism.

Sincerely in Christ,


✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God’s love to all peoples.